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TAYYIP ERDOGAN WINS HISTORIC TÜRKIYE RUN-OFF PREZ ELECTION

The authoritarian president extended his rule into a third decade, beating his secular rival Kemal Kilicdaroglu by four percentage points

BEATS SECULAR RIVAL BY 4 PERCENTAGE POINTS

With 99% of ballot boxes opened, unofficial results from competing news agencies showed Erdogan with 52% of the vote, compared with 48% for his challenger. Erdogen ridiculed his rival for the loss, saying 'bye bye bye, Kemal'. Talking to his supporters, he promised to work hard for Turkiye's second century. The country marks its centennial this year

TOUGHEST CHALLENGE FOR TURKISH LEADER

- With annual inflation rate touching 85% last year and Turks reeling from impact on a devastating earthquake in February, Erdogan faced the toughest challenges to his two-deacde hold on power
- With Türkiye at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, and it being a crucial NATO member, the election was closely watched | P9

85%

WAS THE VOTER TURNOUT IN SUNDAY'S RUNOFF ELECTION

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PM opens new Parliament, Oppn absent

PM inaugurates new building, says it reflects the aspiration of new India; 20 Oppn parties, including the Congress, boycott the event

Prime Minister Narendra Modi installs 'Sengol' at the new Parliament building | PTI

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AMID boycott by around 20 opposition parties, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday inaugurated the new Parliament building at a grand ceremony that included a havan, multi-faith prayers and the installation of the Sengol in a special enclosure in the Lok Sabha chamber.

Delivering his maiden speech from the new House, Modi said the new Parliament building marks the dawn of a self-reliant and developed India, which will also inspire the progress of other nations.

"Every decision taken here will lay the foundation of India's glorious future... the way to empower the poor, Dalits, backwards, tribals, divyangs and other marginalised sections goes through here," he said, adding "each brick and wall of this Parliament building should be dedicated to the welfare of the poor".

On the Opposition's criticism of the government's decision to construct the new building, Modi said it was becoming difficult for everyone to do their work in the old building due to various technological and space constraints. Also, the PM said the number of MPs is likely to increase in the coming years. They will have to be accommodated.

"The new Parliament is a reflection of aspirations and dreams of 140 crore Indians. This is a temple of our democracy that gives a message of India's resolve to the world. There are a few moments in every nation's history that are immortalised. Some dates become the indelible signature on the face of time. May 28, 2023 is one such day," the PM added.

64,500 sq metres

The new Parliament building, built by Tata Projects, has a built-up area of 64,500 sq metres. Inside it, there is a grand Constitution Hall to showcase India's democratic heritage, a lounge for MPs and a library to list a few of the amenities

About 25 parties attended the event while 20 Opposition parties boycotted it, accusing the PM of 'sidelining' President Droupadi Murmu, a charge vehemently rejected by the government.

The Congress alleged the new Parliament was inaugurated in a grand fashion by a "self-glorifying authoritarian PM with utter disdain for Parliamentary procedures". Democracy does not run from the buildings but through the voices of the people, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said.

The Rashtriya Janata Dal was most stinging in its criticism of the project as it likened the new Parliament building's triangular shape to a coffin, drawing a sharp response from the BJP.

Parliament is the voice of the people! The prime minister is treating the inauguration of the Parliament House as coronation

Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader

There is a huge difference between Jawaharlal Nehru talking about the concept of modern India and rituals performed at the new Parliament building today

Sharad Pawar, NCP leader

What's the need for the new Parliament if it can't give justice to Wrestlers who are protesting? It is unfortunate that few have been detained

Siddaramaiah, Karnataka CM

It would be appropriate that this new building is used in the interest of the country and its people as per the humanitarian thoughts of Dr Ambedkar

Mayawati, BSP leader

Wrestlers detained, forcibly removed from Jantar Mantar

FIROZ MIRZA & UJWAL JALALI @ Chennai/New Delhi

THE scenes and their shrill cries sent shock wave across the sporting world. Olympic and world medallists were dragged and detained by Delhi police just a few kilometres away from where Prime Minister Narendra Modi was inaugurating the new Parliament building on Sunday.

Country's top wrestlers including Tokyo Olympic bronze medallist Bajrang Punia, Rio Olympic bronze medallist Sakshi Malik and two-time World Championships medallist Vinesh Phogat were trying to march towards the Parliament to organise 'Mahila Samman Mahapanchayat' when they were stopped midway and forcibly taken to separate locations from Jantar Mantar.

They breached the security cordon while trying to move towards the new Parliament and even had argued with Delhi police. Top official sources told this newspaper that the Delhi police will initiate legal action against the wrestlers. Late on Sunday, it is learnt that the police has apparently registered FIR under various sections of IPC and PDPP Act. The police also uprooted their tents and removed their belongings from the site where they were staying since April 23 demanding the arrest of the sidelined Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. While the move was apparently aimed at ending the ongoing sit-in protest, the wrestlers insisted via social media posts that the protest will continue.

Incidentally, Sakshi, her husband Satyawart Kadian and a few others met Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday demanding Brij Bhushan's arrest. Independent MLA from Charkhi Dadri, Sombir Sangwan, acted was the mediator. "We prepared a seven-point demand letter. But wrestlers demanded the immediate arrest of Brij Bhushan even as the HM told them that he will be arrested once police file the chargesheet in court as per law," Sangwan told this daily on Sunday evening. PTI

Olympic medallist Sakshi Malik (above) and World championships medallist Vinesh Phogat (left) forcibly removed | PTI/ PARVEEN KEGI

RAIN INTERRUPTION

The IPL final between Chennai Super Kings and Gujarat Titans was called off at Ahmedabad on Sunday. The game has been moved to reserve day on Monday. If there is no completed match, then Gujarat will win as they topped the league phase. Weather forecasts predict more rain on Monday evening | P11

33 militants killed in Manipur, Shah to begin 3-day visit today

CM seeks support for troops

Chief Minister Biren Singh said there had been cases of armed militants firing at civilians with AK-47s, M-16 and sniper rifles. The chief minister said efforts were underway to track down all the militants and urged the public to support the security forces

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

HOURS before Union Home Minister Amit Shah was to land in Manipur, five people were killed as violence continued in the restive state on Sunday. Incidents of gunfire and arson were reported from four districts of the state.

At least 33 armed militants were killed by security forces over the past four days in separate operations, authorities said. Three civilians and a policeman were killed in Sugnu in Kakching district and another civilian was killed in Phayeng in Imphal West district.

Imphal East and areas on the border of Bishnupur and Churachandpur districts also remained tense with sporadic incidents of violence.

At Uripok in Imphal West, a mob ransacked the house of BJP MLA Khwairakpam Raghumani Singh and torched two vehicles.

Sunday's violence comes as Army Chief General Manoj Pandey arrived in the state to chalk out strategies to restore peace. Chief Minister N Biren Singh briefed him about the situation on Sunday.

"We are trying to find out the culprits, those militants who are attacking civilians. Around 33 militants have been killed," Singh later told journalists.

A senior official, however, said at least 40 were killed till Sunday evening.

Singh said the spurt in attacks on civilian houses appeared well-planned "to show their strength" at a time when Union minister of state for home Nityanand Rai is in Manipur to take stock of the situation ahead of Shah's visit.

EXPRESS READ

Upper caste men rape 70-yr-old Dalit woman

Tumakuru: A 70-year-old Dalit woman was allegedly raped by two caste-Hindu men at Shettigehalli in Kunigal taluk a week ago during her granddaughter's wedding | P3

Polluted water: 2 more fall ill in Raichur dist

Raichur: Three days after a three-year-old boy died after consuming contaminated drinking water at Rekalmardi, Devadurga taluk, Raichur district, two more persons fell ill on Sunday | P4

Fleeing from cops, RTI activist dies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Davanagere

A Right to Information (RTI) activist jumped from a bridge and died while trying to escape from the police at Tolahunase village on the outskirts of Davangere city early on Sunday. The deceased Harish Halli (40) was being taken by the police for an investigation when the incident occurred around 2.30 am.

SP Dr Arun K told *TNIE* that Harish was picked up from his wife's village Kakanuru in Channagiri taluk by Gandhinagar police. As the team was bringing Harish to Davanagere, he jumped out as the jeep was crossing the bridge. When the police tried to catch him, he jumped down the bridge and suffered critical injuries. "He was immediately shifted to a private superspeciality hospital, where he died," he said.

Harish from Kabbala village of Channagiri taluk was quite well known as an RTI activist. He had been detained in a cheating case filed by Babu Rao of Kanive Bilachi village on May 27. Babu Rao had alleged that Harish had registered a site in his name by producing fake documents.

Soon after the news of his death spread, his family alleged that he had been murdered by the police, and protested in front of the hospital.

Harish's wife KR Latha filed a complaint against Sub-Inspector Gandhinagara Krishnappa, Constables Devaraja and jeep driver Irshad. Davangere Rural police registered an FIR.

The SP visited the spot and conducted the initial investigation.

Latha and the people in Davanagere requested a CID inquiry, while the SP too has sent a request to the government.

The SP said a CID team is likely to arrive in Davanagere for the investigation on Monday and an impartial probe will be conducted.

KRS level dips to 80.26 ft, but no drinking water crisis

KARTHIK K K @Mysuru

CALL it due to the searing summer heat or delay in pre-monsoon rain in the Cauvery catchment areas, the water level at Krishna Raja Sagar dam in Mandya has plummeted and stood at 80.26 ft on Sunday.

While officials said there will be no shortage of drinking water for Bengaluru and Mysuru, the reservoir is just 6 ft away from the dead storage level of 74.76 ft.

The reservoir had 104.96 ft of water on the same day last year. Because of the delay in arrival of rain, high evaporation rate and discharge to canals, the reservoir level has dipped.

Trying to allay any fears of water shortage, KRS officials said there is a forecast of a good monsoon this year and once the rainy season starts, the dam will see an increase in inflows.

Officials said that over the last few years, the Cauvery basin has been receiving bounteous rain, resulting in heavy inflows into the dam. But the situation is little different this year, but there will not be a shortage of drinking water.

A woman grazes her cattle in the backwaters of Krishnaraja Sagar reservoir, where the water level has dipped, in Mandya district on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

KRS full reservoir level	124.8 ft
Water level on May 28	80.26 ft
Water level (May 28, 2022)	104.96 ft
Inflow	413 cusecs
Outflow	2,997 cusecs

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